

DECISION-MAKER:	SOUTHAMPTON HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	ADULT MENTAL HEALTH REDESIGN
DATE OF DECISION:	19 JANUARY 2012
REPORT OF:	PAM SORENSEN HEAD OF ENGAGEMENT SOUTHERN HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY Not applicable	
None.	

BRIEF SUMMARY

Following on from previous engagement of the panel, to receive an update and brief presentation from Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust Adult Mental Health Division in connection with proposals to re locate services from Abbots Lodge, Netley Marsh to Antelope House which is located on the Royal South Hants Hospital site. The service provides reablement for clients whose illness also means they have challenging behaviour. Following concerns that the Trust had not engaged fully with relevant stakeholders, it wishes to offer assurance to the panel that robust engagement has now taken place and that clients and their carers are, in the majority, supportive of the proposals. See Appendix 1. Further information and more detailed information will be shared at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To note and comment with regard the level and range of engagement opportunities offered, in particular to service users and their carers;
- (ii) To advise with regard the Trust's wish to move forward with plans to transfer the service from Abbots Lodge to Antelope House.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To be assured that Southern Health have properly and adequately engaged with regard proposals to relocate the service and to be assured that the change in service is in the best interests of service users.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

N/A

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out) None

2. As explained previously, Abbots Lodge is geographically isolated, leading to a level of social exclusion for clients and lone working concerns for staff. The quality of the building, and grounds, is poor for this client group.

The unit has a total of 16 beds, the majority of which have been used for Southampton residents. Occupancy levels have reduced in anticipation of the proposed move to Antelope House. A number of clients have already moved on as part of their usual care pathway. Currently there are 11 clients

in the unit. It is expected that 7 of these clients will have left the unit by mid March 2012 and again this will be as part of their planned care pathway, which has fully involved them, and where appropriate, their carers.

We are working to minimise the number of service users who will require transfer, so that the change in service provision does not hinder delivery of their care plan.

3. The unit at Antelope House will provide the same level of care for any client that may need transfer and in an environment that better suits this client group. By providing the same service that will feel familiar to clients, continuity will be maintained for them. New clients and their carers should feel assured that the service offered at Antelope House will be as least as good as that currently provided at Abbots Lodge and in a new, modern environment. The recent re-inspection of Antelope House by the CQC (Care Quality Commission) confirms that they are confident with the plans that the Trust has put in place to address the concerns they had raised and the inspectors could see visible evidence that these plans were being carried out across the unit.
4. With the transfer of 10 beds for Southampton residents to Antelope House and the development of reablement services in alternative units such as Hollybank in Havant to meet the needs of Hampshire residents, the Abbots Lodge building would no longer be needed.

For the above reasons the Trust seeks approval from SOSP to progress with its proposal to transfer the service from Abbots Lodge to Antelope House and to close the unit.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

5. None

Property/Other

6. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

7. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Other Legal Implications:

8. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

9. None

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Engagement log 1.1 – Letter 1 1.2 – Letter 2
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

N/A